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Question:

ADVICE-40-005-09 indicates that “Companies will have a period of up to 12 months after the approval date to align their controlled wood verification programs to the approved risk designation by a National Initiative.” In many cases, this means a company risk assessment that designated low risk now needs to be aligned with a National Risk Assessment that designates unspecified risk. In these cases, does the certificate holder need to implement field verification according to Annex 3 of FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1 for areas of unspecified risk prior to the one-year transition date?

Answer

Yes. When risk designations by an FSC Network Partner are approved, the certificate holder shall update its risk assessment to the outcomes of the NRA. Field verification according to Annex 3 of FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1 shall be implemented for areas of unspecified risk after the risk assessment is updated and shall be completed prior to the one-year transition date (12 months after the date of the approval of the NRA).

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